

MEMO

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To: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

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Subject: Regional Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Housing Chapters

SUMMARY

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force reports to the CEHD Committee on housing, land use, and other issues under the purview of the committee. The Task Force has begun discussions on the Housing and Land Use Chapters of the Plan, and has directed staff on several follow-up activities.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is intended to serve as a useful tool for outside entities in implementing policies of the Regional Council. Of particular importance for the upcoming RCP are the policies included in the recently adopted Compass Growth Vision.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force has begun its discussion on structuring action plans for the Land Use and Housing Chapters. Of note, the Task Force, at its November 22 meeting, discussed the creation of a matrix identifying several community characteristics and conditions linked to recommended actions.

Further, the Task Force directed staff to convene a roundtable discussion with various private sector stakeholders, including the building industry, and the development finance industry, about how SCAG's growth policies might be encouraged. Staff anticipated scheduling this session in February. Land use and housing issues are agendaized for continued discussion for the Task Force in January and February.